



Faculty Senate - Executive Committee

Minutes

Monday, December 8, 2025

Attendance: Rob Godby (*Chair*), Ray Fertig (*Chair-Emeritus*), Tiger Robison (*Member-at-Large*), Ashley Hope-Carlisle (*Member-at-Large*), Vladimir Alvarado (*Secretary*).

Members Absent: Brad Rettler (*Member-At-Large*), Gregg Cawley (*Member-At-Large*).

Guests Present: David Bagley (*Vice Provost, Faculty Affairs*)

Meeting was called to order at 12:44pm.

A quorum was not present.

The agenda, lacking quorum, could not be approved.

The minutes of the last session, lacking quorum, could not be approved.

Chair's Report

Chair provided an update on the next Executive Committee meeting on January 26th, along with the full meeting of the Faculty Senate to occur on the same day.

Chair advised the committee that he has sent the two nominations for Faculty Conciliator on to the President of the University, stating in the email that despite a semester's long search, he was able to offer only two candidates.

Chair provided an update on a meeting with Provost Anne Alexander, regarding the Office of Civil Rights complaint currently being handled through the Office of General Counsel, noting the actions being undertaken by General Counsel Tara Evans. Despite attempts to streamline information and provide swift and accurate communications, there continues to be miscommunication occurring across campus between administration and faculty. Chair expressed some concern over the potential fall out, financial and otherwise, about memberships being paid for by the University.

Chair reported being contacted by faculty members expressing some concerns over the nature of Academic Freedom violations being reported, to be compliant with State Legislature HB 147. Chair commented that the initial concerns were nearly hysterical, and he worked to tamp down on the emotional outburst and provide accurate information. Chair emphasized the role of Faculty Senate as the proper and authorized representative body of the faculty, and the only one on campus authorized to represent the faculty. David Bagley provided an administrative perspective on the complaint process, noting that he was working on improving the process that exists already and that the work is sitting on his desk, lacking opportunity to continue working on it. David Bagley provided an idea of how the process exists currently, and how to simplify it for deployment here at the University of Wyoming.

Chair offered a reminder about the Faculty Senate Speaker Series on Wednesday, in the Central Yellowstone Ballroom of the Wyoming Union.

Other Business

The committee then discussed the forthcoming proposed changes to the By-Laws concerning the operation and designation of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees, discussing some of the options for reorganization and elimination.

Vice Provost David Bagley provided an update on the work of the committee investigating AI & Teaching, the individuals working on that committee are ready to prepare SAP's and changes to the Academic Dishonesty processes and regulations, involving the use of the AI. The President's Commission on AI was discussed by the committee and Chair spoke about some of the needs of the faculty across campus. Indicating that the presidential commission falls short of the needs of campus.

Adjourned at 2:55pm.